

MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 9, 2015 BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING

MEMBER'S PRESENT: Board Members Tim Copeland, David Canada and Bruno Federico and Town Administrator Paul Deschaine.

Mr. Copeland noted that the Board had been in a non-public session which could affect the reputation of another. Mr. Canada had moved to go into the non-public session at 7:02 PM, seconded by Mr. Federico and passed unanimously. Mr. Canada had moved to come out of the non-public session and to seal the minutes due to the nature of the conversation at 7:28 PM, seconded by Mr. Federico, which passed unanimously.

At 7:34 pm Mr. Copeland reconvened the general meeting of the Board of Selectmen.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Ms. Bronson reported that the current balance was \$2,048,605.11.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Mr. Copeland moved to approve the minutes of the meeting of November 3rd as amended by Mr. Canada. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

FIRE:

Chief Cook indicated that there was a structure fire that day on Bunker Hill Avenue and reported there had been no serious issues.

Chief Cook stated that 1000 feet of hose has failed testing. He continued that he was looking at the estimates he had received and the cost was going to be about \$5600.00.

Chief Cook noted they had responded to 589 calls so far this year.

Mr. Deschaine stated that budget season was coming up and asked the Board when they would like to receive department budgets. The Board responded that would like them by December 3rd.

NEW BUSINESS:

Jeff Gallagher stated that they had received quotes for the upcoming dinner dance for the Town's 300th Anniversary celebration. He continued that they were looking for permission to spend \$3000 for the deposits for the catering, tent rental and band.

Mr. Canada moved to allow the 300th Committee to spend \$3000 for deposits for catering, tent rental and band. Mr. Copeland seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Mr. Deschaine indicated that they needed to pick a new director for the Office of Emergency Management. He continued that Dave Emmanuel had resigned as the director but had offered to stay on as the deputy director if the Board wished. Mr. Deschaine indicated that Dave Barr, who was currently the deputy director, had offered to take the position as director.

Mr. Canada moved to accept the resignation of Dave Emmanuel as director and to appoint Dave Barr as director. Mr. Copeland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Copeland moved to appoint Dave Emmanuel as deputy director. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

POLICE:

Chief Scippa stated he had received a letter from the Liquor Commission stating that Great Bay Butcher Company had requested a liquor license. He continued that the police had no problem with that going forward.

Chief Scippa noted that the septic tank at the police station had just been emptied and the company had suggested that there was a leak somewhere in the tank. He continued that more investigation was needed to figure out exactly what was going on and that he would keep the Board posted.

Chief Scippa stated that the fire alarm issue at the Station had been resolved.

Chief Scippa indicated that he would be attending a training program for strategic planning at Roger Williams College at the end of the week.

PLANNING:

Mr. Daley went over the applications that were currently in front of the Planning Board and the projects going on with town committees.

Mr. Daley stated that he had received a quote for holiday decorations for the Town Center which was \$4000 for 20 trees. He continued he had discussed the quote with Colin who indicated that the town could do it for much cheaper and gave a much more reasonable budget. He continued that Colin thought they only needed 10-12 trees which he could get for \$18.00 apiece.

Mr. Canada moved to have Colin set up 10-12 trees for holiday decorations at a cost of \$528 for trees and labor. Mr. Federico seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Mr. Canada discussed the Rockingham Planning Commission and the task of defining agritourism. He asked if the Board would like the RPC to do so at additional cost or if they wanted to take care of it in-house.

Mr. Deschaine stated that he had met with three groups who provide interim planning services. He continued that they probably would not have a new planner until after the new year and went over the outstanding issues that needed to be taken care of. Mr. Deschaine stated he thought they would need services 1-2 days per week and the Planning Commission had come back with a quote of \$66 per hour. He continued he thought that seemed to be the most cost effective way to proceed and it would be an estimated \$8400 for 8 weeks of service.

Mr. Copeland moved to use the Planning Commission for interim planning services. Mr. Canada seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The Board thanked Mr. Daley for his services during his time with Stratham.

MEETINGS: The Chair then reviewed the meetings scheduled for the coming week and reviewed the meetings held this past week.

PARK PERMITS/MUNICIPAL CENTER RENTALS:

The following Park permits and Municipal Center rentals were discussed, approved or acted upon:

Chris Carbonneau requested use of the Morgera Room on 12/2 for a crafting event and requested that the fee be waived.

Mr. Canada moved to approve the request and waive the fee. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Emily Christian requested use of the Front Pavilion on 8/27/16 for the Bike MS – Seacoast Escape Ride and requested that the fee be waived.

Mr. Canada moved to approve the request and waive the fee. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Richard Moaratty requested use of the Front Pavilion on 8/13/16 for a family outing.

Bill DaGiau requested use of the Front Pavilion on 10/1/16 for Annie's Angels roll and stroll and requested that the fee be waived.

Mr. Canada moved to approve the request and waive the fee. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

ADMINISTRATION:

Mr. Deschaine continued the discussion regarding the process of hiring a new planner. He continued that today was the due date for applications and they had 23 applicants. He asked the Board if they would like to do the normal rating process and interviews. Mr. Copeland stated he would like the Board, Mr. Deschaine and Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer Audrey Cline to do the interviews. The Board decided they would hold the interviews on November 16th, 17th and/or 23rd. The Board agreed to read all resumes and rate candidates this week and to meet Friday, November 13 to select a first round of candidates to interview.

Mr. Deschaine noted relative to the Wells Fargo property that had been deeded to the Town for back taxes had a \$79 tax bill issued after the Town took ownership. That tax needed to be abated.

Mr. Canada moved to abate \$79 in taxes for the Wells Fargo property. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Mr. Deschaine stated relative to the trash collection discussion that he had heard back from Newfields and Newmarket who indicated they would not be opposed to sending out an RFP for a new three year contract. He did observe that if they could get a one year extension on their current contract that might be the best bet since recycled material values were currently low and any contract would reflect those prices.

Mr. Copeland moved to enter discussions to discuss trash collection with our current contractor, Casella Waste, regarding a one year contract extension. Mr. Canada seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Mr. Deschaine indicated that there was a raffle permit request from the Stratham Town Democratic Committee for an iPad on December 17th.

Mr. Copeland moved to approve the raffle permit. Mr. Canada seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Mr. Deschaine gave the Board an update on the water agreement negotiations with Exeter and noted he would keep the Board posted with any additional information.

Mr. Canada stated that Jim Cushman had asked to rent the garage at the Bartlett Cushman House from November to April at a cost of \$100 per month.

Mr. Canada moved to allow Mr. Cushman to rent the garage at the Bartlett Cushman House for five months at a cost of \$100 per month. Mr. Copeland seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

At 9:09 P.M. Mr. Canada moved to adjourn. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Ashley Rodier
Recording Secretary